

HB 1527 - DIGEST

Finds that the state annually awards service contracts to private contractors and vendors to provide services on behalf of the state, and that such expenditures should be spent in a manner that promotes the creation of jobs that allow residents to support themselves and their families with dignity.

Finds that the present federal and state minimum wages generate income at a level below the amount required to support a family at a basic level and that jobs that do not pay living wages result in families who have greater need of social services provided by the state and paid for by state taxpayers.

Declares that the payment of adequate wages to workers for those hours performing services on behalf of the state will promote stability and reduced turnover, resulting in a higher quality of service.